

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A differential circuit including a differential amplifier circuit having a differential  
5 element provided in a signal input circuit, a constant current source connected to the differential element, and loads respectively connected to the differential element; and a source follower circuit that outputs a differential voltage based on voltage drops developing  
10 across the loads,

comprising a current supply circuit that supplies a given current to the loads connected in series with the differential element when the differential element is off.

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2. A differential circuit including a first differential amplifier circuit having a first differential element provided in a signal input circuit, a first constant current source connected to  
20 the first differential element, and a first and a second loads respectively connected to the first differential element; a second differential amplifier circuit having a second differential element provided in the signal input circuit, a second constant current  
25 source connected to the second differential element, and a third and a fourth loads respectively connected to the second differential element; a first source follower circuit that outputs a first differential voltage based on voltage drops developing across the  
30 first and second loads; and a second source follower circuit that outputs a second differential voltage based on the voltage drops developing across the third and fourth loads,

comprising a first current supply circuit that  
35 supplies a given current to the first and second loads when the first differential element is off; and

a second current supply circuit that supplies the

given current to the third and fourth loads when the second differential element is off.

3. The differential circuit as claimed in claim  
5 2, wherein each of the first and the second source  
follower circuits is a complementary follower circuit  
having two MOS transistors.

4. The differential circuit as claimed in claim  
10 2, wherein:

the first differential element includes two N-  
channel MOS transistors;

the first current supply circuit is connected to  
gates of the two N-channel MOS transistors;

15 the second differential element includes two P-  
channel MOS transistors; and

the second current supply circuit is connected to  
gates of the two P-channel MOS transistors.

20 5. The differential circuit as claimed in claim  
4, wherein equal bias potentials are applied to gate  
nodes of the two N-channel MOS transistors in the first  
current supply circuit and the gate nodes of the two P-  
channel MOS transistors in the second current supply  
25 circuit.

6. A receiving device having a differential  
circuit including a differential amplifier circuit  
having a differential element provided in a signal  
30 input circuit, a constant current source connected to  
the differential element, and loads respectively  
connected to the differential element; and a source  
follower circuit that outputs a differential voltage  
based on voltage drops developing across the loads,

35 comprising a current supply circuit that supplies  
a given current to the loads connected in series with  
the differential element when the differential element

is off.

7. A receiving device having a differential circuit including a first differential amplifier  
5 circuit having a first differential element provided in a signal input circuit, a first constant current source connected to the first differential element, and a first and a second loads respectively connected to the first differential element; a second differential  
10 amplifier circuit having a second differential element provided in the signal input circuit, a second constant current source connected to the second differential element, and a third and a fourth loads respectively connected to the second differential element; a first  
15 source follower circuit that outputs a first differential voltage based on voltage drops developing across the first and second loads; and a second source follower circuit that outputs a second differential voltage based on the voltage drops developing across  
20 the third and fourth loads,  
comprising a first current supply circuit that supplies a given current to the first and second loads when the first differential element is off; and  
a second current supply circuit that supplies the  
25 given current to the third and fourth loads when the second differential element is off.

8. The receiving device having the differential circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein each of the  
30 first and the second source follower circuits is a complementary follower circuit having two MOS transistors.

9. The receiving device having the differential  
35 circuit as claimed in claim 7 or 8, wherein:  
the first differential element includes two N-channel MOS transistors;

the first current supply circuit is connected to gate electrodes of the two N-channel MOS transistors;

the second differential element includes two P-channel MOS transistors; and

5 the second current supply circuit is connected to gates of the two P-channel MOS transistors.

10. The receiving device having the differential circuit as claimed in claim 9, wherein equal bias  
10 potentials are applied to gate nodes of the two N-channel MOS transistors in the first current supply circuit and the gate nodes of the two P-channel MOS transistors in the second current supply circuit.

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